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Hello; I should like to express my objection to the current Microsoft settlement. Microsoft has a history of skirting the very edge of legality whenever it is to their advantage; as such, any settlement which does not unambiguously restrain their ability to illegally use their monopoly is worse than useless, as it gives the impression of restraint without actually doing so.

In particular, as long as Microsoft has access to sections of the Windows APIs that are not available to the general developer, it will be able to develop applications the latter will not be able to match. Here, characteristically, there is the appearance of competition without its real dangers to Microsoft.

Thank-you for your time, and consideration of our comments, as well as the cognizance that Microsoft are bankrolling an high-pressure "astroturf" (as in "fake grass-roots") campaign to see the settlement stay as written.

--Michael Turyn.